

A.L.R.C. WOMEN'S ALLIANCE TWENTY-FIFTH CONVENTION
Cicero, Illinois

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On November 11, 1953, at a banquet in her honor, Mrs. Antoinette Nauseda received the very special tribute paid to outstanding Catholic laity — the Papal decree "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice." The banquet, held in Maria High School (Chicago, Ill.) and sponsored by the Sisters of St. Casimir Auxiliary, drew hundreds of guests.

A New Year — New Activities

Having begun the New Year of 1954 and the traditional yearly membership drive, it was officially announced that new members will not need physical examinations nor, at the time of illiness, would home visitor reports be necessary. These changes were made in accordance with the new by-laws, through which it was hoped to attract more women into the insurance and sick-benefit classes.

It was with deep regret that the resignation of Mrs. Helen Statkus, Supreme Treasurer for over 17 years, was accepted. To complete the

remaining term, the Supreme Board appointed another Chicagoan, Mrs. Donna Kamm as Supreme Treasurer and Mrs. Rose Mazelauskas as Illinois State Director.

A happy event was the formation of another chapter — 46 — in Chicago of American-born women.

This year, the Lithuanian Congress chose Chicago for its gathering site. Among the representatives were II Vice-pres. Mrs. Augusta Satkus, and Mrs. Dale Murray, who represented "Moterų Dirva" at the session for journalists and editors.

On the subject of newcomers from Lithuania joining the Alliance, Mrs. Magdalena Galdikas, wrote "... We, the women of the Women's Alliance, both old and new, must never forget that we are standing on the same foundation, which is Catholic Action and nationality. If we will be sincere Catholics and good Lithuanians, we will always be able to work together harmoniously." Mrs. Galdikas, New York - New Jersey State Director, invited women of the area to attend a conference sponsored by the Alliance, to be held in Queen of Angels parish, Brooklyn, N.Y., on May 16, 1954.

Featured speakers were Mrs. T. Barzilauskas and Mrs. V. Brazaitis. The conference committee members were: Mrs. M. Galdikas, Mrs. A. Dobrovolskis, Mrs. K. Dumblis, Mrs. A. Dumblis and Mrs. P. Grigas.

Another conference, arranged by Chapter 17, was held in Holy Trinity school hall, Hartford, Conn., on June 6, 1954, the theme of which was; "Today's Woman and Her Position in the Home, in Religion and in Organizational Activity." Featured speakers during the conference sessions were National Conference Chairman, Mrs. G. Kaneb, Rev. J. Steponaitis and Supreme President, Mrs. J. Mack.

The Chicago District chose June 26, 1954, as "Women's Alliance Day" and invited the newest chapter — 46 — to arrange a conference and program in B.V.M. Nativity Parish, marking the 40th anniversary of the Women's Alliance. Mrs. Dale Murray was appointed committee chairman. Guest speakers were Msgr. Thomas J. Fitzgerald, Executive Director of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, Mrs. Josephine Dauzvardis and Mrs. Augusta Satkus.

Throughout the nation, chapters and districts held various programs to mark the 40th anniversary of the organization, and to promote a better understanding thereof.

Preparations were begun for the 26th bienniel convention.

TWENTY-SIXTH CONVENTION

The 26th convention was held in St. Casimir's Parish, Worcester, Mass., August 14-18, 1955, with Chapter 5 as hostess chapter. The convention was begun with Culture Day, beginning with mass offered by Rev. V. Valkavicius. Guest speakers for the afternoon session were Rev. V. Cukuras of Colchester, Conn., Mrs. Magdalena Galdikas of New York and Mrs. Dale Murray of Chicago. Highlighting the program was a display of Lithuanian art and handicraft.

Mass on the first day of convention was offered by the Supreme